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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 September 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 10-17 and 22 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 18-21, 23-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB-06)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-25 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in

order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

3. Claims 1-9, 18-21, and 23-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin et al. (2001/0006517) in view of Childress et al. (4,905,234).

Regarding claims 1-9, 18-21, and 23-25:

Lin et al. disclose the telephone apparatus, comprising a transceiver that communicates with a central station; a plurality of desksets; and an interface bus that permits said desksets to communicate with said transceiver by exchanging packets with the transceiver as in claim 1; wherein said interface bus comprises a pair of conductors as in claim 6; and wherein the central station corresponds to a base station within an access network that is configured to provide wireless communications services to each of the plurality of desksets through the transceiver as in claims 23-24 (Fig. 5 shows transceiver 402 communicating with central station (413, 414); the desksets 416, the interface bus, i.e. pair of conductors (501, 412) that permits the desksets 416 to communicate with transceiver (402), including the wireless communications

services (410, 411) between the desksets (416) and the base station; further paragraphs 0098-0099 recite the exchange of data being packet data).

Further, Lin et al. disclose wherein each deskset has a different pre-assigned time-out period as in claims 18, 21, and wherein each of the plurality of desksets exchanging packets with the transceiver is configured to send data to the transceiver in a different manner from each other deskset based on an associated address of the deskset as in claim 20 (paragraphs 0007-0008 which recite the user access to the base station being via assigned time slots using time division multiplexing clearly reads on pre-assigned time-out period because each user uses an assigned time period, i.e. time slot, to communicate and reads on exchanging packets in a different manner from each other deskset based on the deskset).

Lin et al. disclose all the subject matter of the claimed invention with the exception of each packet including source, destination and error checking information as in claim 1; each packet comprising: an address (ADDR) byte that includes source and destination addresses of the packet; a command (CMD) byte; an argument (ARG); and a block check character (BCC) for error checking as in claim 2; wherein said BCC is produced by a longitudinal parity check as in claim 3; wherein said BCC is

produced by a cyclic redundancy check as in claim 4; wherein each packet further comprises a start of header (SOH) byte that indicates the start of the packet as in claim 5; wherein said interface bus comprises an unshielded twisted pair as in claim 7; wherein said interface bus comprises an EIA-485 interface as in claim 8; wherein a media access layer of said interface bus is carrier sense multiple access with collision detect as in claim 9; wherein source information included in each packet identifies a given deskset among that the plurality of desksets that is sending the packet as in claim 19.

Childress et al. from the same or similar fields of endeavor teach that it is known to provide each packet including source, destination and error checking information; each packet comprising: an address (ADDR) byte that includes source and destination addresses of the packet; a command (CMD) byte; an argument (ARG); and a block check character (BCC) for error checking; wherein said BCC is produced by a longitudinal parity check; wherein said BCC is produced by a cyclic redundancy check; wherein each packet further comprises a start of header (SOH) byte that indicates the start of the packet; wherein source information included in each packet identifies a given deskset among that the plurality of desksets that is sending the packet (Fig. 5a shows the packet including source, destination

and error checking information; i.e. the address (ADDR) byte that includes source and destination addresses of the packet (196, 198); a command (CMD) byte (190); an argument (ARG) (192, 194); and a block check character (BCC) for error checking (206); and Fig. 21 shows the use of the start of header that indicates the start of the packet; whereby the use of the source address clearly reads on the source information that identifies a given deskset among that the plurality of desksets that is sending the packet); although Childress et al. did not recite the BCC being produced by a longitudinal parity check; use of an unshielded twisted pair; the EIA-485 interface; and wherein the media access layer of said interface bus is carrier sense multiple access with collision detect; the examiner takes official notice that the use of longitudinal parity check; of an unshielded twisted pair; the EIA-485 interface; and wherein the media access layer of said interface bus is carrier sense multiple access with collision detect is well-known in the art.

Thus, it would have been obvious to the person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide each packet including source, destination and error checking information; each packet comprising: an address (ADDR) byte that includes source and destination addresses of the packet; a command (CMD) byte; an argument (ARG); and a block

check character (BCC) for error checking; wherein said BCC is produced by a longitudinal parity check; wherein said BCC is produced by a cyclic redundancy check; wherein each packet further comprises a start of header (SOH) byte that indicates the start of the packet; wherein source information included in each packet identifies a given deskset among that the plurality of desksets that is sending the packet as taught by Childress et al. in the communications system and apparatus of Lin et al.

The packet including source, destination and error checking information; each packet comprising: an address (ADDR) byte that includes source and destination addresses of the packet; a command (CMD) byte; an argument (ARG); and a block check character (BCC) for error checking; wherein said BCC is produced by a longitudinal parity check; wherein said BCC is produced by a cyclic redundancy check; wherein each packet further comprises a start of header (SOH) byte that indicates the start of the packet; wherein source information included in each packet identifies a given deskset among that the plurality of desksets that is sending the packet can be implemented by using the packet including source, destination and error checking information; each packet comprising: an address (ADDR) byte that includes source and destination addresses of the packet; a command (CMD) byte; an argument (ARG); and a block check

character (BCC) for error checking; wherein said BCC is produced by a longitudinal parity check; wherein said BCC is produced by a cyclic redundancy check; wherein each packet further comprises a start of header (SOH) byte that indicates the start of the packet; wherein source information included in each packet identifies a given deskset among that the plurality of desksets that is sending the packet of Childress et al. for the packet of Lin et al. The motivation for using the packet having source, destination and error checking information; i.e. comprising an address (ADDR) byte that includes source and destination addresses of the packet; a command (CMD) byte; an argument (ARG); and a block check character (BCC) for error checking; wherein said BCC is produced by a longitudinal parity check; wherein said BCC is produced by a cyclic redundancy check; wherein each packet further comprises a start of header (SOH) byte that indicates the start of the packet; wherein source information included in each packet identifies a given deskset among that the plurality of desksets that is sending the packet buffers and PHO extractor as taught by Childress et al. in the communication system and apparatus of Lin et al. being that it provides more efficiency for the system design since the system design uses well-known and standard definition of packet as unit of data for transmission in the system and apparatus.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 10-17 and 22 are allowed.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. O'Hagan discloses speech recognition system and method for employing the same.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHICK C. HOM whose telephone number is (571)272-3173. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Pham Chi can be reached on 571-272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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